

WONDERFUL ROOSEVELT.

At Forty Undreamed of for President
To-day Chief Figure in Eyes of World
(Henry Watterson in Louisville Courier-Journal)

Dr. Elliot, the honored head of Harvard, was reported as saying in a post-prandial speech not a great while ago that Mr. Roosevelt will be understood and appreciated fifty years hence better than he is to-day—a rather cautious prophecy—and Mr. Edwin S. Martin, the most thoughtful of moralists, descends wisely in life upon the confusing mixture of truth and error which marks the contemporary agitation of political ethics, of which the President has easily made himself the foremost leader. . . . Theodore Roosevelt lived to be forty years of age with no other preparation for the transcendent responsibilities of the chief magistracy than could be obtained from prior service as commissioner respectively of the civil service at Washington and the board of police in New York, and an under-secretaryship of the navy, with a legislative term of two at Albany. He had been a reader and writer of books. He was a gentleman by birth and breeding, a Harvard graduate. It is safe to say that, when he was named for and accepted a subordinate post in one of the administrative departments of the government in 1897, an official endorsement from any political or aspirant point of view—no one anticipated an ambitious future for him; assuredly, he was undreamed of for president.

The events which hurried him into the governorship of the Empire State and the vice-presidency of the United States, and, by a flash of a pistol sudden and unexpected as a flash of lightning, into the White House, equal those of any narrative of history or romance.

From that day to this his career has been a succession of what may be fairly called adventures; his everyday life a tour de force. When the tragic summons came, it found him in the mountains. It had not seemed to cross his mind that the gravity of the occasion bade him maintain a serious sense of it and to keep in easy reach. The succeeding forest expeditions may be regarded either as the irrepressible effervescence of the spirit of the hunter, or as simple self-expelling, nervousness, carefully planned and timed; but, from every consideration, the world has been used to apply, to great affairs, rather suited to the laissez-faire of kings than the dignity of statesmen. Yet they caught the mood of the time and the heart of the people, and gave birth to the most diverting but that ever came into being, the delight of countless nurseries and homes of children from whose fancy can never be dissociated the wonderful Theodore Roosevelt and their beloved "Teddy bears."

The ride through the rain, with the countenance of the president, torments with certain favored gentlemen of the corps diplomates; the very parables with the youngsters in the White House; all of a piece with a continuous and spectacular entertainment, unrivaled in the real, or mimic series—

Outside the pages
Of Middle Ages.

Nor has his public life fallen behind the pace set by his personal conduct. Audax, audax, and audax audax, the word, from the lawless suspension of a postoffice in Mississippi to the hazardous sea voyage to New Hampshire; ever the giant with the big stick; an indefatigable giant; an industrious, sober, patient, family giant; like Mrs. Malaprop's Mr. Corbush, "three gentlemen in one"; now the hero of national history and now the master singer of the spelling bee; braver, with one foot upon the corporation and the other upon the whole duty of man; to-day, forcing a negro official upon South Carolina, to-morrow, claimed kinship with Lee and Stonewall Jackson, and having his claim followed; our first truly national president, half northern and half southern; a Yankee crossed on a rebel, counselling the Republican party at Grant and Garfield, of McKinley and Dinsley, of bloody shirking and high protectionism, to change its coat of plumage and to put on the garments of socialism, and to fall behind the van of popular righteousness and reform.

Was ever the like seen outside the plumes of a commander of Scotland? Is it a dream, unless it be a vision of the future, where even the Himmalehs and Himalayas of history will seem a little dull and commonplace in the light of the flying machines and wireless state-ship of a modern world, but now beginning its glorious Teddy bear expedition?

Suffice it! Suffice it! Those of us, grownups, who have been educated under the old order, must even jog along to the end of our journey rather unconverted. The President may, like Jackson, name his own successor; but that will differ from Roosevelt quite as much as Van Buren differed from old Hickory. There will never be another Teddy bear in the White House. Let us enjoy him whilst we may; and, when he makes his exit the coming 4th of March, 1909, maybe we shall look back upon the eight years he dwelt there as travelers look back upon trackless wastes and perilous wilds, covered, indeed, by his own shadow, but also added by the reflection that had we never known what danger is we should not be able to realize what safety is, and to enjoy it!

A WARSHIP WITHOUT GUNS.

Naval designers who are looking into the future are having visions of a battleship which shall be larger than anything of the class afloat of greater speed than existing vessels, and capable of weighing battle at a distance of four miles and this without the turreted, breech-loading rifles with their complicated mechanism of training and loading. This is as yet only a dream; but it is based on that development in the facilities of attack and the mechanism of destruction which, with the means of defense and protection, have furnished a series of warfare in themselves.

Hitherto the rivalry has been largely between the gun and the armor. On one side has been the aim to increase the power of the monster rifle so that it will hurl its huge missile of steel through the wedge of armor plate into the vitals of the ship of the enemy. On the other side there has been an effort to thicken the armor on the hull of the ship or so compose it of elements that will lessen its weight while repelling the shell.

No one knows just how the case stands at present, and will not know until there can be some test of the gun in its attack on armor under those conditions which resemble in some degree the situation of actual warfare. The tests are now carried on at either the army or navy proving grounds, with guns at no great distance from the armor, and the armor presenting a fixed and certain target which may be attacked under the most favorable conditions.

All this is now changed by the increase in endurance of the torpedo,

Dining Room Furniture

The display we are making of Dining Room Furniture, bought especially for this season's trade, will delight every housewife who visits our great furniture store. Here we mention a few articles only, space being so limited we cannot go into extensive detail.

Pedestal Dining Table in Golden Oak and in very tasty design—a table the visitor will look at twice and one no home need be ashamed of. Regular value \$12.00. Special Spring Time \$9.00. Other patterns at \$8.00 and \$6.75.

Golden Oak Dining Table, 44 inches square, five legs, easily worth \$6.50. Special Spring Time \$4.75. Price

Dining Chairs of the box seat variety are here shown in great profusion at exceptionally low prices.

Quartered Oak Chairs, well built and having a value of \$2. Special Spring Time Price, each . . . \$1.25

Quartered Oak Chairs, saddle wood seat, hand carved, value \$3.50. Special Spring Time Price, each . . . \$2.25

Other Chairs for the dining room as low as 90c each.

Sideboards.

Quartered Oak Sideboard with French Beveled Plate Mirror, 16x26 inches—a really handsome piece of furniture. Value \$17.00. Special Spring Time Price . . . \$13.50

Another style of Quartered Oak Sideboard having shaped stanchions, 16x28 inch French Mirror, excellent value at \$24.00. Special Spring Time Price \$19.00

Buffets.

In Golden Quartered Oak with leaded glass door, striking and useful adjunct to any dining room. Value \$18.00. Special Spring Time Price . . . \$13.50

A big showing is made in Buffets, the selling price running as high as \$50.00.

China Closets.

A Golden Quartered Oak China Closet, 43 inches wide, with bent glass doors and sides, a regular seller at \$20.00. Special Spring Time Price . . . \$15.00

Golden Quartered Oak China Closet, regular seller at \$23.00. Special Spring Time Price . . . \$19.00

Golden Quartered Oak China Closet, mirror back. Regular value \$28.00. Special Spring Time Price . . . \$24.00

These China Closets can be purchased in any combination including as many mirror back panels as the purchaser wants.

Curtains.

Muslin Curtains from 32c up to \$3.00.

Nottingham Curtains from 49c up to \$10.00.

Irish Curtains from \$1.98 to \$12.00.

Cluny and Renaissance Curtains from \$2.50 to \$50.00.

Oilcloths.

This is a great big stock we have just opened up—all new, fresh pliable goods. We are showing oilcloths in 1, 1½ and 2 yard widths, in beautiful patterns, including imitation oak and tile. Spring Time Price, per yard . . . 25c

Other grades as high as 40c. Imitation Oak Oilcloth is being used quite extensively as borders to rugs in dining rooms. This oilcloth is so correct an imitation of the actual wood that it cannot be told from it. Spring Time Price, per yard . . . 50c

Some of the Things You Need This Spring

AND IF PURCHASED OF

THE W. G. REYNOLDS CO.

CHURCH AND BANK STS., BURLINGTON

They Will Give You the Satisfaction You Are Looking For—Both As to Quality and Price

Furniture buying this season, will be pronounced in many respects. There is sure to be a good demand for the good things that have come in since winter's good-bye, and there are quite a few of them. Especially is this true in the Carpet and Rug line. And the new things are on display in our store and at prices that cannot fail to appeal to the careful buyer. Our friends from the country have shown that they have planned to brighten their homes early this season. Because of this desire this advertisement will especially appeal to them.

Draperies.

We carry only the famous Art Loom Draperies and have the exclusive handling of this manufacture in Vermont. These are the finest draperies made.

A good drapery, 3 yards long, 1 yard wide, fringed both ends. Spring Time Price, per pair . . . \$2.50

These are in red, green and brown mixtures.

Draperies, 50 inches wide, same colors as above. Spring Time Price, per pair . . . \$3.50

50 pairs draperies, all colors, some trimmed with cord and some fringed, extra value. Spring Time Price, per pair . . . \$5.00

Silk and Goblin's Draperies, the very best ready made draperies to be found anywhere. Spring Time Price . . . \$10.00

A range of prices up to \$20.

Fibre Carpets.

This is a most sanitary floor covering. With it there is no dust—no odor. Bed castors do not cut into it. These carpets are woven in beautiful patterns.

A good fibre carpet made, laid and lined. Spring Time Price, per yard . . . 35c

These carpets run in price as high as 60 cents a yard and we have an especially large line at 50 cents.

A new thing for the floors is the fibre carpet rug. We are showing them in sizes of 8.3x10.6 feet and 9x12 feet. The price of the first named size is . . . \$7.50

The larger size is . . . \$10.50. Small sizes . . . 75 cts.

LINENS.

Our Linen Department has proven one of our greatest successes. We mention here only a few items for lack of room.

Genuine all linen buck towels, 22x38 inches, value 37½c. Spring Time Price, each . . . 29c

Turkish towels, 20x40 inches, regular value 25c. Spring Time Price, per yard . . . 19c

Grandmother's linen, unbleached, 68 inches wide, regular value 79c a yard. Spring Time Price, per yard . . . 65c

Bleached satin Damask Irish Linen, 72 inches wide, heavy and fine, regular \$1.50 goods. Spring Time Price per yard . . . \$1.00

Irish Linen Crash, bleached, 18 inches wide, 18c quality. Spring Time Price per yard . . . 15c

VERANDA FURNITURE.

We are in receipt of several carloads of furniture for the veranda and the summer cottage. Such display has never been made in this section before. Here everything will be found to make the summer home attractive and comfortable.

In chairs alone we have two car loads. These are built of Vermont Rock Maple. They are free from sap stains and all discolorations. They have woven reed seat and back and the seat is guaranteed not to sag. Real value \$1.15. Special Spring Time Price . . . 89c

Rocker to match chair described above . . . 89c

Rocker with reed seat and back, wide flat arm, a real comfort and a chair that will stand hard usage. Other dealers are asking for the same chair \$2.50 and \$2.75. Our Spring Time Price . . . \$2.19

We are making a special feature of one style veranda rocker. This chair has slat back, reed seat, wide flat arm and is made to sell for \$2.35. Our Special Spring Time Price is . . . \$1.98

Gents' large arm high back rocker, back and seat of reed, a special value at \$3.50. Our Spring Time Price . . . \$2.65

We are making a large showing of veranda settles with and without rockers and the price is very low.

We are also making an extensive showing of hammock chairs with chains.

In Bamboo Porch Shades we are showing three sizes, 6x6 ft., 6x8 ft., 6x10 ft. These shades are made of the outer bark of the bamboo and do not crack and peel as is usually the case with the average bamboo shade. The price of the 6x6 ft. shade is \$1.00. The 6x8 ft. shade is \$1.25, and the 6x10 ft. shade is \$1.50.

Stained Bamboo shade, 8x8 ft. . . . \$1.50

Canvass Stools, just the thing for many uses about a cottage or camp. Special Spring Time Price 19c

Rugs.

We are headquarters for rugs in this northern section. We are making a display of over 300 of the finest makes and the most varied patterns to be found anywhere. For this sale we are offering a few specials in rugs that were carried over from last fall. These rugs will take especially low selling figures.

Three velvet rugs, 9x12 feet, all dark colors, the regular price of which was \$22.50. Special Spring Time Price, each . . . \$17.50

Two Axminster Rugs, 9x12 feet, light parlor patterns, were \$25.00. Special Spring Time Price . . . \$20.00

Tapestry Rugs, 9x12 feet, all new, perfect goods, very striking designs, worth \$18.00. Special Spring Time Price . . . \$12.50

Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 9x12 feet, including some very rich patterns, worth \$25.00. Special Spring Time Price . . . \$20.00

Bedding.

Bedspreads, full size crocheted. Big value at \$1.39. Special Spring Time Price . . . 98c

Fringed Bedspreads, a regular seller at \$1.65. Special Spring Time Price . . . \$1.39

Sheets, 72x90 inches, 50c

Pillow Slips, Spring Time Price, per pair . . . 25c

\$1.25 Bed Blankets, 98c

\$2.00 Bed Blankets, \$1.15

Bed Puffs as low as 98c and up to . . . \$1.98

Carpets.

Especially attractive are the patterns in carpets and no greater showing has ever been made in this line by us. We especially desire to call the attention of the ladies to our carpet department now supplied with all the latest conceptions of the loom worker's art.

Heavy Granite Carpet, a line made especially to sell at a low figure and wear like its name, is now on sale with us at our Special Spring Time Price, per yard . . . 25c

Extra Heavy Ingrain Carpet, special value and embracing all the latest patterns, takes the Special Spring Time Price of, per yard . . . 35c

Three-ply Union Carpet, sure to give the best of satisfaction as it possesses great wearing qualities. Shown in a variety of patterns at our Special Spring Time Price of, per yard . . . 59c

We are showing All Wool Carpets in a large array of patterns and in quality the best goods ever displayed by us at the price. Special Spring Time Price, per yard . . . 69c

Best All Wool Carpets 75 cts per yd.

In Axminsters, Tapestries and Velvets the showing is extensive and the prices are the lowest. You are sure to find the pattern you are looking for here. Price per yard from 65c to \$2.00.

Mattings.

We import from Japan and China all our mattings. In doing this we save the middleman's profit. That's why we can sell mattings at a lower price than any and all of our competitors.

Jointless China Matting, shown in six patterns. When sold by the roll of 40 yards the Special Spring Time Price will be, per yd. . . 15c

A 25c grade of matting, showing the late color effects. When sold by the roll the Special Spring Time Price will be, per yd. . . 18c

A 30 cent Matting, in a great variety of patterns. When sold by the roll the Special Spring Time Price will be, per yd. . . 22½c

35 cent Mattings, and in this line there is about every pattern shown, take the Special Spring Time Price of, per yard . . . 25c

Japanese Mattings in carpet effects, really very desirable for many places in the home. Special Spring Time Price, per yd. as low as 25c

Other Japanese Mattings as high as \$1.00 per yard.

Linoleums.

Every season there is an increased sale of linoleums. A linoleum cover for the dining room floor or the kitchen floor is so much easier to care for than hard wood that the average housewife much prefers the former to the latter.

Best printed linoleums in room length remnants, former price 60c and 65c a square yard. Special Spring Time Price . . . 50c

Linoleum patterns especially designed for dining room and kitchen, 12 feet wide, large enough to cover the average room without a seam. Spring Time Price, per square yard . . . 65c

Inlaid linoleum, colors solid from surface to back, a variety of designs. Spring Time Price per sq. yd. . . 75c

Other grades as high as \$1.00. The very best Wildes & Cooke's American Linoleums—the kind you see advertised in the magazines. Spring Time Price, per square yard . . . \$1.25

The best German Linoleum—nothing quite so good and the kind that many people prefer. Spring Time Price, per sq. yd. . . \$1.25

Other grades as high as \$1.65

the most deadly of all weapons when it can be fired with accuracy and when it lasts long enough to reach the enemy. The torpedo used to be something of a toy, except within limited range but lately it has been given a propulsion which will carry it two miles, with every prospect that this distance will soon be doubled. Battleships armed with torpedo tubes, which will some day be able to keep a foe at a respectable distance, and a battle-

ship having a four-mile torpedo in its ordnance equipment will be a veritable floating terror of the sea. The battleship which is to be designed along the lines dictated by the triumph of the torpedo will be a vessel which may easily scorn the ten and twelve-inch guns which are now carried in heavy turrets, and which shall offer no discouragement to a vessel which may fire a torpedo four miles and blow up the opposing vessel,

no matter how it is freighted with turret armament or laden with "invulnerable" armor.

The saving which may be effected by taking off the heavy guns and abandoning the turrets may be used in giving greater weight to the machinery, and so drive the ship through the water at a faster rate than is possible with battleships today. Some of this saving in weight may also be used to give thicker ar-

mor plates along the water line and below, wherever the torpedo is likely to strike.

Such a departure from the existing conditions furnishes many problems with which the naval designer must cope. They include such details as the storage of the torpedoes, and their rapid handling by special mechanical devices from the magazines below deck to the breach of the mouth of the tubes above. Those questions

will not be settled without the controversies which seem to be inseparable from naval design, construction, and equipment but for the present it will be sufficient merely to mention this interesting possibility of a gunless war vessel—Exchange.

TONGUE SANDWICHES.

Rome, at which the Duke of Connaught arrives this week, has many English vis-

itors just now. One English lady, interested in the little boys who deliver the wares of the pastry cooks, said to a little fellow who had brought her some cakes: "Ah, I suppose you get the benefit of one of these cakes yourself, sometimes?" "What does madame mean?" "Eat them? Oh, no, madame, that would not do. I only lick 'em as I come along!"—London Tatler.

FOUNTAIN PENS AT FIVE CENTS